

Just, A Reminder

Islamic Poetry (Within the context of the Qur'an and the Sunnah) and Inspirational Real-Life Stories to remind us of our duties to Allah (swt).

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The Prophet (swt) said:

"Truly, in some poetry, there is wisdom." [Bukhari, Muslim, Abu Dawud]

The meaning of this is that there is good poetry in which people receive encouragement towards the Truth, and admonition from wrong doing as well. [Muslim]

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All of the contained works are written within the context of the Qu'ran & The Sunnah

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Introduction

Verily, all praise is due to Allah, the Most High. We praise Him, seek His Aid, and ask His Forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allah from the evils within ourselves, and from our wicked deeds. Whomsoever Allah has guided none can misguide, and whomsoever Allah has allowed to be misguided, none can guide him. I bear witness that there is no diety worthy of worship except Allah who is alone with no partners; and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.

"Oh you who believe fear Allah as he has the right to be feared and do not die except as Muslims."

[Surah Aali 'Imraan 2: 102]

"Oh mankind! Fear your Lord who created you from a single soul and created from that soul it's mate and spread from them many men and women, and fear Allah from whom you seek your rights and do not cut off family ties. Verily, Allah is an Ever-Watcher over you."

[Suratun-Nisaa (4): 1]

"Oh you who believe! Fear Allah and speak the truth. Your good deeds will be accepted, and your sins will be forgiven, and whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger has indeed achieved a great victory."

[Suratul-Ahzaab (33): 70-71]

To Proceed:

Verily, the most truthful speech is the book of Allah, the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad and the worst of affairs are newly invented affairs as every newly invented affair is an innovation, and every innovation is a straying and every straying is in the fire.

After Praising Allah and sending Salaams upon his final messenger Prophet Muhammad, I sincerely hope that the reader is in the best of health spiritually and physically by the time he/she receives a copy of this book. First thing I want to mention is that all of the poems are

written within the context of the Qur'an and the Sunnah, and all of the inspirational stories are true and (MashaAllah) amazing! I also pray and hope that you will find benefit from some of the poems, the inspirational stories, or both. By the will of Allah some poems might make you happy if you are sad, lift you up if you are down, and hopefully by reading the inspirational stories will make you praise Allah. I beg Allah again and again to let this be a type of Beneficial knowledge and a Sadaqah Jaariyah (continuous charity) for me and my family... now, and after Allah takes our souls,

The Prophet Muhammad said: When the human being dies, his/her deeds will come to an end except three kinds: Sadaqah Jaariyah (continuous charity), Beneficial knowledge, and a righteous child who will pray for him/her.

Lastly, everyone should know that we are all prone to errors and forgetfulness. I readily accept comments and criticisms. I ask everyone that reads this book to ask Allah to grant me and my family success and firmness upon the truth. Ya Allah!!! Please let this book be a means of Guidance for both of my parents, and all of my non-Muslim family members. (Ameen)

There is also a glossary for Arabic terms in the back of the book for all of the Arabic words that I will be using. As a reminder anytime we say Allah's name we should praise Him as He ought to be praised with Glory be to Him the Most High (Subhanahu wata Ala). Also anytime we say the Prophet Muhammad's name we should say Peace be upon Him (Salahu alayhe wa salaam). May Allah forgive us for our shortcomings. Ameen!

Preface by the Writer

All praises and thanks is due to Allah the Highest, free of all imperfections who has granted me the time and energy to put this book together. I beg Allah to please accept this small effort! I also send Salaams upon His last and final Prophet Muhammad and his entire family. Indeed this is truly only for the pleasure of Allah. Just a **Reminder** is a few short poems and true real-life inspirational stories that I have written and compiled over the past few months. It is first a reminder to myself and my family, and then to whoever reads this book and is encouraged to do good. All of the poems are written within the context of the Qur'an and the Sunnah as understood by our rightly guided predecessors. There are also a couple of poems in the book written by my son Aadam, and daughter Zaina. Another reason that I wrote this book was so that I can share with you some true real-life inspirational stories that will let you witness yet more miracles of Allah, and Allah knows best.

After thanking Allah and begging Allah to send Salaams upon Prophet Muhammad, I would also like to thank my wife for encouraging me constantly, and my daughter Jennah for editing all of my poems. May Allah make this book **Sadaqah Jaariyah** (a continued charity) for me and my family, and protect us from the evils of this world! Ameen.

I would like to thank Brother Abdul-Qadir ("Q") for giving me advice and encouraging words for me to keep writing. Also I would like to thank Brother Abdus Subbur (Keyon Lee) for helping me to get this book completed, and published through his publishing company. Last but not least, I would also like to thank my Father-in-Law for introducing me to the Qur'an and the Sunnah (as understood by the rightly guided predecessors). Jazakumallahu khayran

written by Jawaad Salahudeen April 2011

Tawheed

By Jawaad Salahudeen

What are we to do
in this state of mass confusion?
Seventy-three different sects,
and all but one is in a state of delusion.

Millions of Muslims in the world,
but it's not about the quantity.
One believer is better than a thousand ignorant
worshippers.
It's all about the quality.

Islam this beautiful Deen,
it's something we have to represent.
Following the Sunnah is something
that we should definitely implement.

Qur'an and the Sunnah,
it seems that we have lost it.
How can we not follow Muhammad
when his character was exalted,

Muhammad is the blueprint
this is something true indeed.
Let us go back to the beginning
and start teaching the basics of Tawheed.

Thirteen years of Tawheed,
even before the Salaat.
Is this a case of Amnesia,
or is this something we totally forgot?

Neglecting Tawheed
this act is from the worst.
The Prophet and the companions
taught Tawheed first.

You want to unite
and fight for the purpose of the land.
The Sahabahs even said we learn Tawheed
before we learn the Qur'an.

Tawheed first!
This is the only way that this Deen will work.
And the opposite of Tawheed
is the worst sin ever "shirk".

So Shaitaan is happy to know
some ignorant people have rejected it.
All of the Prophets called to this,
there's no way we can neglect it.

O Muslims! Let us unite on Tawheed
like those first three generations.
Start with Tawheed first,
and it will build us a firm and solid foundation.

~~~~~Reason for writing poem~~~~~

Tawheed - The prophet Muhammad (saw) stayed  
in Mecca for 13 years calling to Tawheed and warning  
against shirk. Most of the surahs revealed before the  
hijrah were focused entirely on Tawheed. The Sahabahs  
were the best people after the Prophets. The Sahabahs  
learned Tawheed for 13 years. Who are we?

# This World

By Jawaad Salahudeen

Seeking only this world,  
and it's constantly ducking you.  
Keeping Jannah in mind,  
Qur'an is always instructing you.

Chasing and Chasing it,  
like the race dog and rabbit.  
Attached to this world,  
and starting to feel like an addict.

Belief in the unseen,  
and it appears kind of hard.  
Caught up in this world,  
now you're neglecting your fard.

Thought you had grasped it,  
but it seems to evade you.  
This world is nothing,  
that's what The One said who created you.

Gain this world in your hand,  
lost your soul and still died.  
Got millions in the bank,  
and still committed suicide.

Wanting more and more,  
even envious of your brother.  
If you had a valley of gold,  
you still would want another.

Trying to get the Ferdous, this should be  
our intent from the start.  
This world was once in your hand...  
now it's entered your heart.

Take from this world Muslims,  
but don't get attached to it's beauties.  
Don't forget the Salaat,  
or your other Islamic duties.

You want that Yacht, Mansion, and  
that Mercedes Benz car.  
This world is cursed except for  
an Alim and The remembrance of Allah.

Take your necessities Muslims,  
but don't get attached to this place.  
Pray for the Jannah daily,  
so when you get there you can see Allah's Face!!!

You are in this world  
for only a short limited time,  
Don't get fooled by the Glamour,  
and the wining and dine.

No doubt Allah created this world  
a very beautiful creation.  
But this is not our home,  
this is an extended vacation!

~~~~~Reason for poem~~~~~

The life of this world is only Amusement and play!
Verily the home of the hereafter is indeed the eternal
life that never ends if they but knew. Qur'an 57:20

Inspirational Stories...

Jilani

Jilani is a brother who I knew through his little brother Abubakr. I taught his younger brother 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. While driving to my house I got a call from Abubakr stating that he was at the hospital and that his brother Jilani was shot in the head. He said that while his brother was driving a cab, someone who he had picked up robbed him and shot him in the head. Brother Jilani was in a comma for a few days, but eventually by the Mercy of Allah he came through. Everyday we visited him, it was like everyday he changed for the better. It seems like the whole world was making Dua for this brother. Even the doctors couldn't believe how quick the recovery was. Jilani's brother-in-law stated that the doctors had asked who are you praying to because it is very powerful? Allahuakbar!!! One day I came out the elevator and Jilani was walking through the hallways as if nothing had ever happened to him. Glory be to Allah!!! Jilani is now at home relaxing with the family and even walking to the Masjid! I love this brother dearly, and try to visit him as much as possible. Alhamdulillah!